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GREEK ENCIRCLEMENT OF KORITZA: ITALIANS PREPARE TO EVACUATE: SPEED WATCHWORD ON ALL FRONTS

ATHENS, Nov. 17 (Reuter)—The Greek encirclement of Koritza has now gone so far that according to some sources the question is no longer whether the town would be taken but when it would be taken.

Optimists even hope that the large forces inside would also be captured. A long column of cars and lorries seen on Saturday on the Valona Road leading west from Koritza is believed to be a sign that the Italians are preparing to evacuate. Aircraft bombed the column.

BRUTAL MURDER AT SEA

PIRATES KILL 3: WOUND BOY

Three persons, including a 13-year-old boy, were brutally murdered by pirates who boarded a trading junk on Nov. 14 near San Mui.

The men killed were Fung Lai-tung, 13 years, son of the master, Fung Hoi-cheung, aged 37 years, steersman of the junk and a 23-year-old passenger.

The 11-year-old son of junk master Fung Kau, received a gunshot wound in his head and has been sent to the Queen Mary Hospital.

It was not stated in the report as to the manner in which the men were killed. Their bodies were thrown overboard by the robbers.

MASTER'S REPORT

In a report made to the Police, Fung Hin-kwai, 40, master of junk No. T4683H, stated that he was sailing near San Mui on Nov. 14 at about 8.50 a.m. when two fishing type craft approached his junk.

His junk was attacked by those two craft and about 30 robbers, armed with rifles, revolvers and sub-machine-guns boarded his craft.

The robbers decamped with 108 sacks of rice, 25 bags of sugar and 100 bags of flour, valued in all at \$1,161.

SEVEN INJURED IN ALEXANDRIA RAID

CAIRO, Nov. 17 (Reuter)—Seven civilians were injured and slight damage done to private property as the result of bombs dropping in the Alexandria area on the night of Nov. 15, says an official communiqué.

MONTY BANKS NOW U.S. CITIZEN

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 17 (Reuter)—Gracie Fields' husband—Italian-born Monty Banks—has received his final American citizenship papers on Nov. 8, it is disclosed. Mr. Banks' real name is Mario Bianco.

ENEMY AERODROME AT STAVANGER RAIDED

LONDON, Nov. 17 (Reuter)—Enemy aerodromes at Stavanger, Doublens, Cambrai, St. Malo, and Rennes were raided on Friday night by Bomber Command aircraft together with Fleet Air Arm planes, said an Air Ministry bulletin.

At Stavanger large fires were started probably among aircraft and explosions were observed among the flames.

Buildings on French aerodromes were hit and set on fire, and landing grounds were damaged.

At Rennes the arsenal was left blazing.

Enemy air activity over this country has been very slight since dawn, according to reports up to 4 p.m., states an Air Ministry and Ministry of Home Security communiqué. A few bombs were dropped on a Kent coast town, causing some damage and a few casualties. Ineffective machine-gun attacks were delivered by one aircraft at two points in the Hebrides but no casualties have been reported.

Another road leading to Koritza was cut on Saturday while the 6,000 feet peak from which Koritza can be bombed was captured. Four heavy guns were taken on one of the heights captured by the Greeks.

The town of Ergeka came under Greek fire on Saturday afternoon.

CURTAINING SLEEP

Anxious to take every ounce of profit from the present Italian ineffectiveness, the Greeks at all fronts have taken speed as their watchword—even curtailing sleep so as to lose no opportunity of hitting the enemy.

Troops who yesterday took Koritza advanced into Albania, and in the Pindus sector the Greeks also pushed into Albania between Grammes and Smolike. The Italians here retreated and the Greeks advanced so rapidly that they had not the time to collect the large booty which the women and children are gathering.

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MILITARY SITUATION IN YANGTSE

REPORTED QUIET IN LOWER VALLEY

CHUNGKING, Nov. 17 (Reuter)—The military situation in the lower Yangtse Valley is quiet, declares GENERAL KU CHU-TING, Commander-in-Chief of the Chinese forces in the third war area which embraces Kiangsu, Chekiang and Anhwei provinces, in an interview at his field headquarters yesterday.

The recent Japanese raids were aimed at the seizure of food supplies since the rice crops were ready for harvesting in October in these three provinces which are rich agricultural regions, but due to swift Chinese counter-attacks, the Japanese seized a little from the southern Anhwei and western Chekiang granaries, declares General Ku Chu-ting.

During the raids in October the Japanese used mainly cavalry troops which did not stay longer than two or three days at any place.

He estimates the Japanese strength in Central China totals 200,000 men but believes that no immediate Japanese move in Central China is in sight.



Preparing for a bombing attack on Germany, these pilots were photographed working out their courses on maps at their base. The success of raids depends greatly on the result of work in the map rooms beforehand.

SHAI MONEY FOR PLANES

SHANGHAI, Nov. 17 (Reuter)—For the third month in succession \$10,000 was remitted to England by the Committee of the Voluntary War Contribution Fund for the purchase of aeroplanes. The first remittance to England was for \$52,000 on Aug. 15 being followed each month by \$10,000. Contributions included substantial amounts from Tientsin, Canton, Chungking and other places in China.

Mogadiscio Bombarded

LONDON, Nov. 17 (Reuter)—The Admiralty announces that the main Italian Somaliland port of Mogadiscio on the Indian Ocean coast was bombarded by British light naval forces.

The Italian shore batteries replied ineffectively no damage or casualties being caused to the British forces.

Important Part Being Played By Colonial Empire In Assisting The Mother Country In Her War Aims

Lord Lloyd Speaks On Three Aspects

"The importance of Colonies in war-time can be considered in three aspects—strategic, the provision of man-power and economy," said LORD LLOYD, SECRETARY FOR THE COLONIES, when he spoke in London last night of the important part being played by the Colonial Empire in assisting the Mother Country in her war aims.

Lord Lloyd said that he would not say much about the strategic aspect as it required no emphasis. Sufficient troops and war equipment were available in every one of them and now that the war appeared to be spreading, the value of these strategic steps to increase the military and naval strength in the Colonies would become greater and greater.

A recent move of great importance in connexion with this strategic value of Colonies was the leasing of naval and air bases to the United States.

"This important strategical development has been welcomed by the Colonies themselves," said Lord Lloyd. "It adds to the real defence of a noble cause."

With regard to the provision of man-power, Lord Lloyd said that whenever troops had been asked for from the Colonies they had been readily forthcoming. "You will also have seen in the papers how willingly and in what large numbers men have come out from the Colonies to join the service to which we owe so much today, the Royal Air Force."

MOST POWERFUL

Turning to the economic aspect Lord Lloyd said that this was the sphere in which the assistance from the Colonies was most

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powerful. "It is not spectacular," said Lord Lloyd, "but it is nonetheless important for that. It makes available to us all manner of products which are so essential to a country at war. It supplies us with things that cannot now go to the enemy. It may all sound very simple to us, but it gives experts in charge of this part of Britain's war effort a very busy time indeed."

Lord Lloyd mentioned the flow of rubber, tin, copper, cotton, into Britain from the Colonies. The valuable product known as bauxite, which is an important part of aluminium production, so necessary for the manufacture of aircraft came from the Colonies. "When a housewife sees a Spitfire flying overhead and exclaims 'There goes my saucer!' she must remember with pride that it was only possible for her to contribute such

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3,000 CHINESE RETURN

CHUNGKING, Nov. 17 (Reuter)—In view of the unsettled conditions abroad, 3,000 Chinese overseas have returned to China during the first six months of the current year, while the number for the latter half of the year is said to be even larger, according to figures obtainable at the Chinese Overseas Commission.

It is estimated that over 1,200 returned to China, via Hongkong, from the South Seas during the first six months of the year, 800 from Africa and Australia, and 700 from other parts of the world.

There is a large number of others "unregistered" with the Commission.

JERVIS BAY GALLANTRY RECALLED

V.C. AWARDED TO LATE CAPT. FEGEN

LONDON, Nov. 17 (Reuter)—The King has approved the award of the Victoria Cross to the late Commander (Acting Captain) EDWARD STEPHEN FOGARTY FEGEN, R.N., for valour in challenging hopeless odds and giving his life to save the many ships it was his duty to protect.

An official announcement recalls that the Jervis Bay was escorting 38 merchantmen on Nov. 5. On sighting a powerful German warship, Fegen immediately drew out from the convoy and made straight for the enemy.

He brought his ship between the raider and her prey so the merchantmen were able to scatter.

Out-ranged and crippled at once, in flames and hit by heavy salvos for nearly an hour, the Jervis Bay held the enemy's fire.

So she went down but of the 38 merchantships, at least 33 were saved.

SNOWSTORM IN N.W. CHINA

CHUNGKING, Nov. 17 (Reuter)—A heavy snowstorm in North-West China with a snowdrift four feet deep has created havoc with highway communications between Kansu and Shensi Provinces, according to a Chinese despatch from Lanchow.

The North-West Highway Ad-

The Russian Government so far has admitted nothing and, until M. Molotov has reported to M. Stalin, it is unlikely that anything will transpire in regard to the conversations at Berlin.

Similarly Moscow has been equally reticent about the British proposals submitted on Oct. 22, but the fact that the Soviet had not replied does not necessarily mean either approval or disapproval.

TOWARDS SPAIN

The fact that Senor Suner has been invited to Berlin again to see Herr von Ribbentrop suggests that German diplomacy may be turning once more towards Spain. There is no confirmation that Herr Ribbentrop may be going to visit Count Ciano in the course of the next day or two.

In the present state of the Axis relations it is more likely that Count Ciano may be summoned to Berlin if any exchange of views was to take place.

ANTONESCU LEAVES

General Antonescu, the Rumanian Prime Minister, left Rome on Saturday night, according to a German radio report from Rome.

Signor Mussolini, Count Ciano, other Italian dignitaries, and the German Charge d'Affaires, Prince Bismarck, were at the station.

SUNER ON WAY

Senor Suner, Spanish Foreign Minister, who is on his way to Berlin stopped in Paris and saw M. Laval yesterday, states a message from London.

Count Ciano, Italian Foreign Minister, it was added, may go to Berlin while Senor Suner is in the Reich capital.

ministration is sending squads of workmen to clear up the roads in an effort to restore traffic.

TODAY'S WAR SUMMARY

IT IS NOW KNOWN THAT well over 200 people were killed and 800 injured in the savage German raids on Coventry. His Majesty the King visited Coventry on Saturday and spent considerable time in the devastated area talking to scores of injured and rescue workers. Lord Beaverbrook, Minister for Aircraft Production, and the Minister for Home Security, Mr. Herbert Morrison, were also present. The King's tour greatly heartened the stricken people and work for alleviation of distress was carried on with redoubled vigour.

THE CAPTURE OF KORITZA is regarded as imminent according to latest reports which state that the Greeks are descending from the hills on the town which the Italians are quitting. A column of cars and lorries was seen on Saturday on the Valona Road leading west from Koritza and is believed to be a sign that the Italians are preparing to evacuate.

IN ORDER TO ENABLE THEM to have "operational training" under war conditions the period of training in Canada for pilots, observers and air gunners under the Empire Training Scheme is to be further reduced according to a statement received in London.

SENOR SUNER, THE SPANISH Foreign Minister, saw M. Laval in Paris on Saturday while on his way to Berlin. Count Ciano, the Italian Foreign Minister, may go to the Reich capital while Suner is there.

BOMBER COMMAND AIRCRAFT on Friday night raided enemy aerodromes at Stavanger, Doublens, Cambrai, St. Malo and Rennes. Fleet Air Arm planes also participated in the attack.

500 NAZI BOMBERS CARRY OUT INTENSIVE ATTACK ON LONDON & OUTSKIRTS

Indiscriminate Bombing: Seven Hospitals Damaged, Twenty Raiders Destroyed

LONDON, NOV. 17 (REUTER).—AFTER ITS VICIOUS INDISCRIMINATE BOMBARDMENT OF COVENTRY ON THURSDAY NIGHT THE LUFTWAFFE ON FRIDAY NIGHT TURNED ITS ATTENTION BACK FROM THE PROVINCES TO LONDON, SUBJECTING THE CAPITAL TO THE HEAVIEST BOMBARDMENT SINCE THE INTENSIVE AIR WARFARE BEGAN.

Despite the weight of the raid, however, and the fact that considerable damage was done, the number of casualties was not as great as might have been expected.

Among buildings damaged were three hotels, two of which suffered direct hits though nobody was injured, while a third had some windows broken.

Over 500 bombers participated in the raid on the capital and outskirts. As well as hotels, seven hospitals, two convents, two rest centres, two cinemas, a block of flats, a school and a furniture depository were hit.

The Air Ministry describes the attack as heavy and sustained and says the attacking aircraft were continually harassed by the defences and forced to operate at such a height as to make accurate bombing impossible.

MANY FIRES STARTED
High explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped indiscriminately in many parts of the capital. Many fires were started but were brought under control with remarkable speed in difficult conditions.

A number of people were killed and others injured, but preliminary reports indicated that the number is not so great as might have been expected in view of the weight of the attack.

Elsewhere there was comparatively little enemy activity and little damage and few casualties were reported.

GROUPS OF RAIDERS
A defence worker described the raid on London as the worst night he had ever experienced and said the raiders came in groups.

The noise of engines was loud and continuous indicating that the raiders must have been in formations and not flying singly. A heavy death roll is feared as the result of the destruction of a boarding house and some flats.

Five bombs hit a hospital dispensary, starting fires which were brought under control.

NO RESPIRE
There was no respite from the raid which went on for four hours and in the outskirts of the capital three wards in a hospital were destroyed.

Two hundred fire bombs fell in the grounds but no-one was hurt. The patients walked or were carried to safety.

An isolation hospital in the Home Counties was hit by two

ITALIAN COLUMN ATTACKED

SUCCESSFUL R.A.F. OPERATION

LONDON, Nov. 16 (Reuter).—An Italian motor transport column on the move in the area north of Koritza was successfully bombed and machine-gunned by the R.A.F. and great damage inflicted. It was announced from headquarters of the British Air Force in Greece yesterday.

An important bridge over which Italian reinforcements were moving was completely destroyed. A large number of troops were taken by surprise and casualties almost certainly were heavy.

A farmhouse used by the Italians as field headquarters was demolished.

PILOTS' STORY

A pilot who took part in the raid said: "We dived down from 20,000 feet right over the column which was tightly packed."

I saw one bomb burst in the centre of a large lorry, and the Italians were running like hares.

"Together it was a most successful day."

Another Air Attack On Monastir

BELGRADE, Nov. 16 (Reuter).—The Yugoslavian town of Monastir has been bombed by "unidentified planes" for the third time, it was announced here yesterday.

For the first time Yugoslav anti-aircraft guns opened fire on the raiders. Damage was slight and there were no casualties.

A communique issued by the Greek General Staff states that Italian planes bombed Monastir.

Bombs And Leaflets For Danzig

LONDON, Nov. 16 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Information revealed yesterday that during the recent R.A.F. raid on Danzig not only were military objectives bombed but leaflets dropped containing a message of encouragement to our Polish allies.

U.S.-Germany Diplomatic Break?

DIES COMMITTEE GIVEN FREE HAND

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (Reuter).—The United States is moving slowly but surely to the point of breaking off diplomatic relations with Germany, according to well qualified spokesmen in Washington yesterday.

Reuter's Washington correspondent says that the belief has been sharply bolstered by the fact that Mr. Cordell Hull has now given a completely free hand to the Dies Committee which is investigating un-American activities.

This is regarded as highly significant, since hitherto the official tendency has been to restrain the scope of the investigations of the Dies Committee lest the disclosures made should result in public clamour for the severance of relations with Germany.

WORK OBSTRUCTED

Some officials in Washington are reported to be saying privately that United States representatives in German territory recently have encountered endless difficulty in collecting information, and they argue that there is, therefore, no reason to allow German diplomats full freedom to obtain what information they want in the United States.

It is understood that the Dies Committee proposes immediately to investigate the activities in the United States of the German Consulates and the German Trans-Ocean New Agency.

Herr Von Ribbentrop To Visit Rome

LONDON, Nov. 16 (Reuter).—Joachim von Ribbentrop, Nazi Foreign Minister, is expected in political and diplomatic circles here to visit the Italian capital shortly, the Swiss newspaper Basler Nachrichten said yesterday.

It is held in Rome that M. Molotov's Berlin visit has rendered a further exchange of views between Germany and Italy unnecessary.

MOLOTOV BACK IN MOSCOW

German Ambassador Another Arrival

MOSCOW, Nov. 16 (Reuter).—M. Molotov, Soviet Foreign Commissar, arrived back in Moscow at midnight from his talks in Berlin.

The Ambassadors of China, Japan and Italy, the Ministers of Slovakia, Rumania and Bulgaria, and the Danish, Hungarian and German Counsellors, as well as prominent Soviet officials, were at the station to greet him.

M. Molotov, who was in cheerful mood, inspected the guard of honour while the band played the Internationale.

The German Ambassador, Count von der Schulenburg, returned on the same train.

JAPANESE SHOT IN HONGKEW

Victim Of Chinese Gunman

SHANGHAI, Nov. 16 (Reuter).—The wave of terrorism in the Japanese-controlled area of Hongkew continued unabated yesterday when a lone Chinese gunman shot and seriously wounded Sergeant-Major Mitsugu Tomimaga.

The gunman fired two shots at Tomimaga, both bullets lodging in the Japanese soldier's abdomen. The victim's condition is pronounced extremely critical.

The Japanese authorities threw a cordon round the district and at present foreigners as well as Chinese are being prevented from entering and leaving the area.

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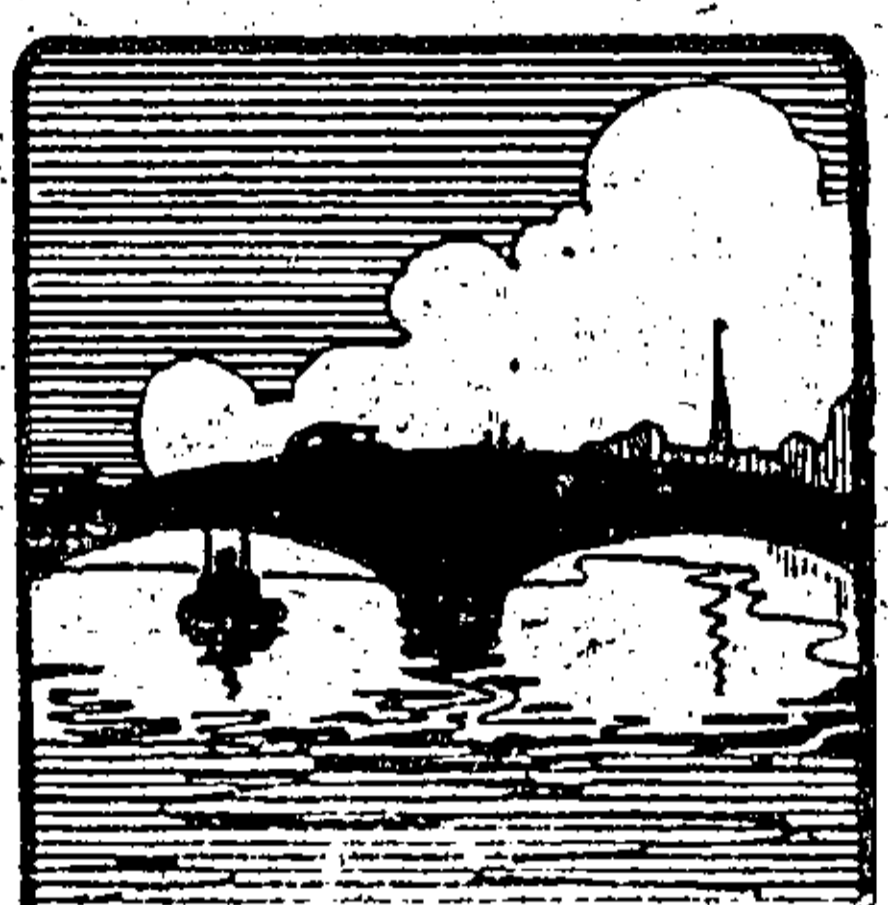
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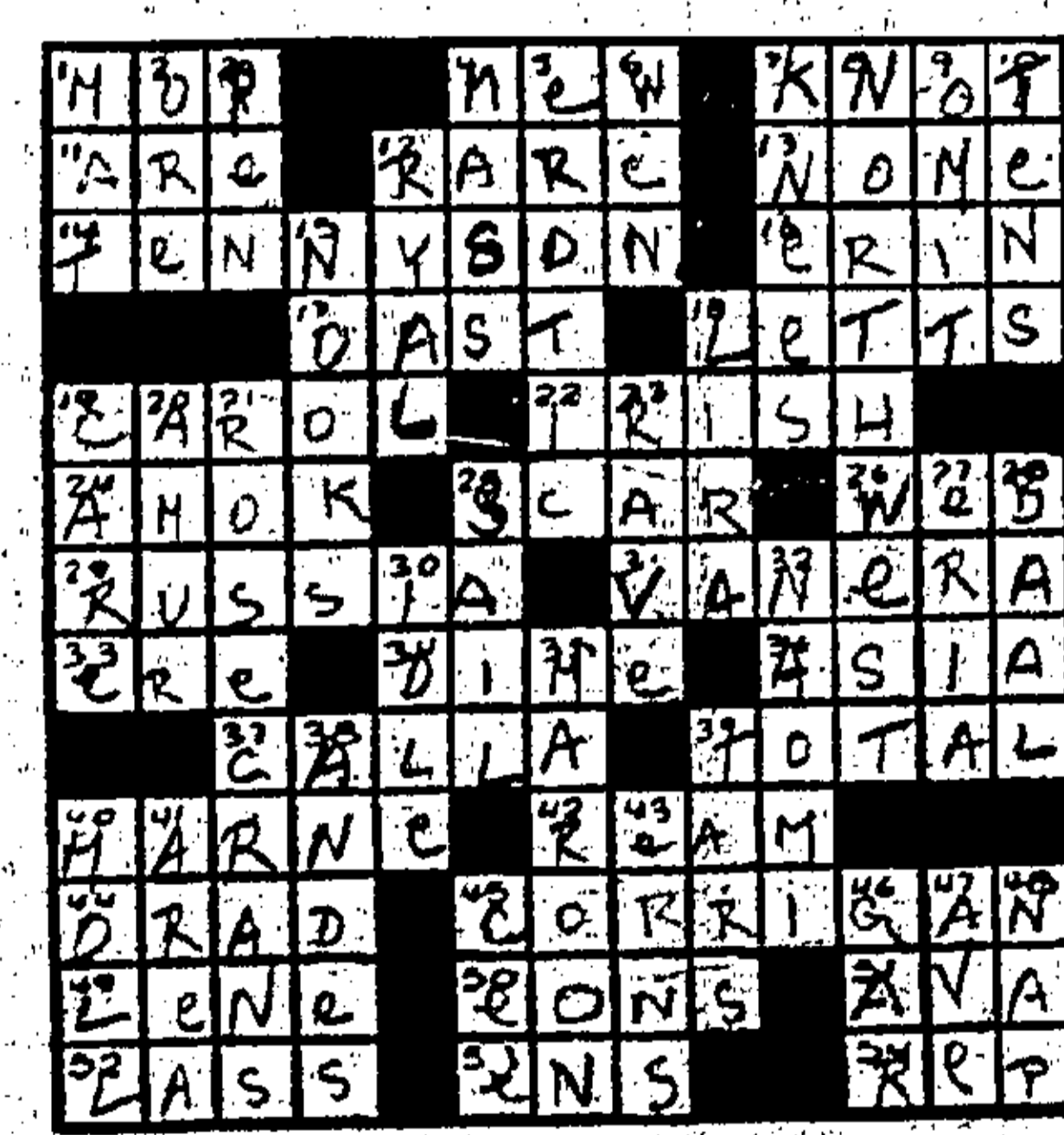
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- Gull
- To become entangled
- Metric measure of area
- Unusual
- City in Alaska
- What great poet wrote "Crossing the Bar"?
- Ireland
- Malt, akin
- People akin to the Lithuanians
- Who was recalled and crowned King of Rumania in 1930?
- What is the nationality of George Bernard Shaw?
- In a murderous frenzy
- Marked by a wound
- Entangle
- In what country was the Romanoff dynasty?
- Classes
- Sooner than
- Coin
- Which is the largest continent?
- Cultivated plant
- Sun
- What river joins the Seine just above Paris?
- Quantity of paper



- Toward the mouth
- What young aviator made a "mistaken" flight to Ireland?
- Unaccented periods of time
- The Kava
- Girl
- Being
- Cloth
- DOWN
- Anything growing thickly
- Danish coin
- Writing implement
- Quantity of matter
- Amatory
- Tumor of the skin
- Joints
- Direction
- Leave out
- Numbers
- Former
- English coin
- Cordless
- Italian coin
- Concern
- River in Asia
- What American major-general commanded the Army of the Mississippi in the U.S. Civil War?
- Storm
- Embark
- Silkworm
- Hebrew deity
- Unoccupied
- Who was the mother-in-law of Ruth?
- Dull red
- Mountain system
- Seamen
- Girl (slang)
- Plane surface
- Sea eagles
- Letter of the alphabet
- Pixie-like man
- Hall
- Short sleep

Empire Gifts For Purchase Of Aircraft

LONDON, Nov. 16 (Reuter).—Gifts for aeroplanes continue to pour into London from all over the Empire, it was stated yesterday, when it was announced that India's contribution now totals £1,500,000, as well as £150,000 for air raid relief.

Latest gift for air raid relief is £1,000 from the Maharajah of Mysore.

The East India Spitfire Fund now totals £280,000 with a further contribution yesterday of £30,000.

BENGAL WAR FUND
The Bengal War Fund totals £754,000, a gift of £15,000 being received yesterday from Central Provinces and Bihar to purchase three fighters.

The Ceylon Fund has reached 812,000 rupees, while acknowledgment is made of Malta's gift of two fighters.

Northern Ireland has contributed £85,000 which will purchase 17 fighter aircraft.

NEL GIFTS
In the Netherlands East Indies, N.C.O.'s of the Dutch Army have contributed 35,000 guilders to buy a Spitfire.

The Netherlands Trading Company has sent £6,000 to London, while the Netherlands East Indies Fund will soon be able to pay for a second squadron of Spitfires.

P.A.A. SERVICE EXTENDED TO SINGAPORE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (Reuter).—British permits have been granted to Pan-American Airways to extend their service to Hong-kong to Singapore, stated a Pan-American official yesterday.

The company has petitioned the Civil Aeronautics Board for authority to extend its service west of Manila and to use Singapore as an additional terminal en route to the Far East.

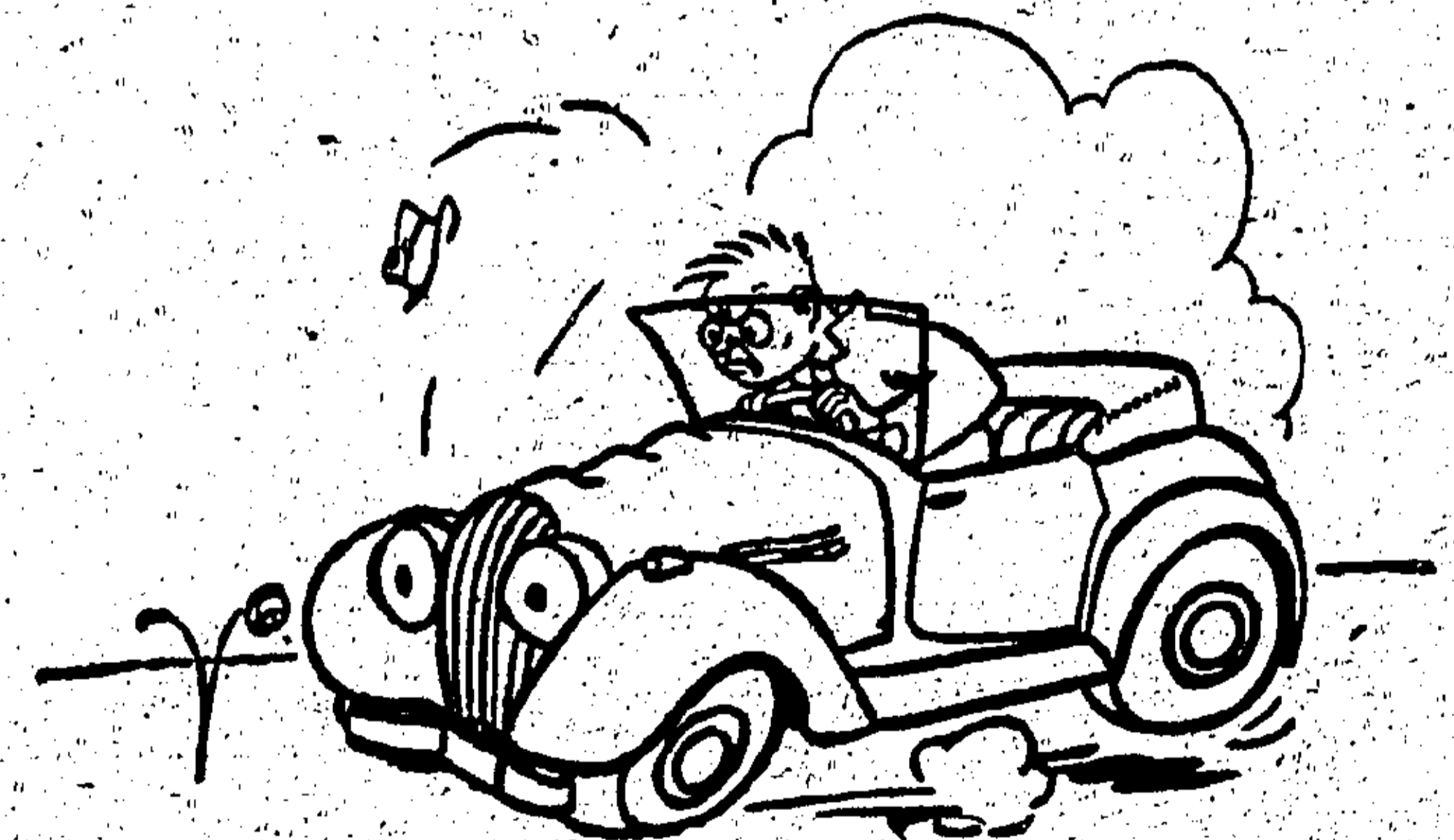
The company official indicated the new service might have "defence implications."

LONDON, Nov. 16 (Reuter).—It is announced in Cairo that Hussein Sirry Pasha has been asked to form a new Cabinet, following the death of the Prime Minister.

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CRIMINAL SESSIONS:

"CAT" AND PRISON TERM
FOR HIGHWAY ROBBERHeavy Sentences Imposed On
Returned Banishees

The November Criminal Sessions commenced on Saturday morning when several culprits pleaded guilty to their respective charges and were dealt with accordingly by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

Sentence of two years' hard labour was imposed on each of the two banishees, Ho Man and Lam Hau. Both were banished for life some two or three months ago, and each had seven previous convictions against them.

Ho Man expressed his wish to be sent to Macao this time. "If I am banished anywhere else, I would come back and be punished again," he informed the Court.

One other deportee, Lai So, who had been banished for life on May 7 last and was arrested in Hongkong on Oct. 24, told the Court that he would not submit to any sentence as he had not committed any felony on this occasion.

"I won't submit to any sentence that will be passed on me," he said.

"You won't submit? That remains to be seen!" replied the Chief Justice.

Lai, who had eight previous convictions against him, maintained that he was passing through the Colony on his way to Macao.

Sentence of 18 months' hard labour was imposed.

POSSESSION OF PISTOL. Charged with the unlawful possession of an automatic pistol and four rounds of ammunition, Tong Fun-ching, 33, unemployed, was sentenced to 15 months' hard labour.

Armed with the pistol, Tong went to a shop in West Point on Oct. 17 and attempted to "borrow" a couple of thousand dollars from the shopkeeper who claimed that he did not know him (accused).

The shop keeper raised the alarm and a police constable came to his assistance and arrested the accused after a long chase.

WALKING ARSENAL. Arrested by Police night patrol in Chuen Wan, New Territories.

PAROCHIAL
BAZAAR IN
KOWLOONIN AID OF ST.
VINCENT DE PAUL

A parochial bazaar, in aid of the funds of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was held at the ground of the Little Flower Club, King's Park, yesterday. The ground was gaily decorated and after sunset was brilliantly illuminated with electric lights.

Well over 2,000 articles, donated by firms and Catholic families were distributed to the successful winners.

One of the stalls that attracted many patrons was the "hot dog" stand.

The bazaar was formally declared open by the Rt. Rev. H. Valtorta, Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong.

SUPPORT URGED

Urging strong support for the bazaar, the Bishop said that owing to the troubled conditions prevailing and the many claims on the public by other charitable institutions, the annual St. Vincent de Paul Bazaar had to be abandoned this year. He emphasised the many cases of poor in Hongkong and their urgent need for help, and said "It is our duty to make this bazaar a success in order to help the poor who are suffering."

Amongst those present were Mr. A. F. Osmund, President of the Rosary Church Association, Mrs. Leo D'Almeida e Castro, President of the Catholic Ladies Association, Miss A. Baptista, President of the Little Flower Club.

Voluntary workers at the function were Mrs. C. E. Marques, Mrs. P. A. Yvanovich, Mrs. G. M. C. Sequeira, Mrs. L. M. Xavier, Mrs. F. X. Monteiro who were in charge of the "Hot Dog" stall, Mrs. R. F. Lus and Mrs. C. J. Triggs, who were in charge of the roulette stall, Mrs. Leo D'Almeida, in charge of the ten-cent and 50-cent stalls, Miss Rosa Pereira, in charge of tea, and many others.

On Oct. 6, Lai Yu-tung, unemployed, who was found to have in his possession two revolvers and 11 rounds of ammunition, was sentenced to nine months' hard labour.

"In your case, it was fortunate for you that the arms you had were useless," said the Chief Justice when he imposed the sentence.

N.T. POLICE RAID

The police raided an "arsenal" at Pak Lai New Territories, on Oct. 17 and arrested a man named Hui Hung. A search of his house revealed one automatic pistol, two rifles, three hand grenades, 88 rounds of ammunition and 63 empty cartridges.

Pleading guilty, Hui Hung claimed that the arms were used for his own protection and the hand grenades were deposited with him for safe keeping by some soldiers.

Sentence of nine months' hard labour was imposed.

FORGED BANKNOTE

Sentence of six months' hard labour was imposed on Chan Leung, unemployed, for uttering a forged \$100 banknote of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on Oct. 22. Pleading guilty, Chan said that he had offered to sign for the note which he got at Macao.

IMPRISONMENT & CANING

Two men went into a house in Kowloon occupied only by women, and threatened them with scissor blades and knives and robbed them of a watch, purse and money on Oct. 9. The robbery was reported to the police and following investigation the culprits were arrested.

The men, Chan Yau and Ma Ching-sum, were charged with robbery to which they pleaded guilty and were both sentenced to nine months' hard labour.

Chan, who had two previous convictions against him, was also to receive 15 strokes of the cane and Ma nine strokes of the cane.

ROBBERS GAOLED

Sentence of 18 months' hard labour each was imposed on Chan Lal and Ho Sze, who both pleaded guilty to a charge of robbery.

The two accused robbed Ng Ping of 1,700 empty bottles at Cheung Sha Wan on Oct. 15.

"CAT" IMPOSED ON ROBBER

Stating that he was driven to crime because he had no food, Wong Choi, unemployed, who attempted to hold up Wong Kong-yau, was sentenced to 21 months' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cat.

Wong Kong-yau was alighting from a bus in Tai Po Road on Oct. 12 when accused approached and attempted to relieve him of his bag.

"AERIAL BOMBARDMENT"
OF HONGKONG: A.R.P.
COMMUNICATIONS TEST

Hongkong was subjected to over an hour's "aerial bombardment" yesterday morning during which numerous "casualties" were reported as the result of the use of poison gas bombs by the "enemy". Amongst damage done was the demolition of the Queen's Theatre, during a performance, by three high explosive bombs which set fire to the building, resulting in a large number of casualties.

The bombardment of the Service Reservoir received direct hits from two high explosive bombs and was also completely demolished. Water pouring out of the reservoir resulted in the flooding of the basement at Government House.

The attacks were, luckily, carried out during a Communications Test, held by the A.R.P. authorities as it enabled the reporting of all "damages" within a minute of their occurrence.

Inside the Reporting Room were large scale plans of Hongkong, and the various districts divided into A.R.P. centres.

SPECIAL FORMS

Immediately on receipt of a report by the Wardens in the telephone room, it was written up in triplicate, on specially prepared forms and handed to the D.A.R.P. Police Commissioner, and Director of Public Works, respectively. Information given in the report as to the district affected, number and types of bombs used, damage



Mr. William Cecil Low, Clerk to the Puisne Judge, and his bride, formerly Miss Ethel Hope Banker, after their marriage at St. Andrew's Church on Saturday.—(King's Studio).

HEAVY SENTENCE
ON WOMANDRUG POSSESSION
CHARGE

Li Man, a young woman who had been convicted on two charges of possession of 36 and 1-5/12 ounces of cocaine at the October Criminal Sessions, was sentenced to four years' imprisonment by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Criminal Sessions on Saturday.

Sentence was deferred at the last sessions to enable the accused to give assistance to the police to trace the gang of drug traffickers, but, as revealed on Saturday, the name and address given by her were no help to the police.

The case was prosecuted by Mr. J. P. Murphy, Assistant Crown Solicitor, and the accused was defended by Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. Alfred S. K. Lau.

In his attempt, Wong Choi tried to draw a revolver from his girdle but was too slow for plaintiff who struggled with him until he broke free and ran away. Police intervened and arrested the accused in Nanchang Street after a chase.

POPULAR
KOWLOON
WEDDINGMR. WM. C. LOW AND
MISS E. H. BANKER

A popular wedding took place at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, on Saturday when Miss Ethel Hope Banker, eldest daughter of the late Mr. George Banker and Mrs. M. Banker, of No. 5, Peace Avenue, Homantin, became the bride of Mr. William Cecil Low, only son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Low, of Edgehill, Liverpool, England.

The Vicar, the Rev. J.R. Higgs, B.A., F.R.G.S., officiated.

Entering the Church on the arm of her uncle, Mr. S.E. Green, the bride looked charming in a dress of angel skin lace, princess style, with train and carried a bouquet of white gladioli.

The bride's sister, Miss Joyce Banker, as bridesmaid, wore pale pink taffeta while the bride's mother attended in deep wine French crepe. The bridesmaid's bouquet was of pale pink gladioli.

Mr. F.T. Winterton discharged the duties of best man.

Following the ceremony a large, well-attended reception was held in St. Andrew's Church Hall when the customary toasts were honoured with enthusiasm.

The happy couple later left for their honeymoon, which is being spent at Cheung Chau. Mrs. William C. Low's going-away costume being of silk crepe in two shades of prairie rose, two piece ensemble with navy blue accessories to match.

The bridegroom, who is Clerk to the Puisne Judge, Supreme Court, is a prominent member of the Boy Scouts Association of Hongkong. He is a Committee member of St. Andrew's Club.

NO AGRICULTURAL
SHOW NEXT YEAR

The Annual N.T. Agricultural Show, scheduled to take place in January, has been cancelled owing to "unsettled conditions."

Decision to cancel was reached this week at a committee meeting of the New Territories Agricultural Association, under whose auspices the show was organised.

FLAG DAY FOR
S.P.C.A.

The Hongkong Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is holding a Flag Day next Saturday to augment its funds. It is hoped that full public support will be given to the only organisation in the Colony devoted to the welfare of animals.

Medical Services, Mr. Fuckle, Mr. and Mrs. Durlon (plotter), Mr. Bavin (controller), Mr. W. W. C. Shaw, of the Public Works Department, and Col. L. A. Newham, M.C.

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FIRING PRACTICE

Firing practice, as under, is notified for today:—

Heavy gun firing practice will be carried out by Royal Navy from H. M. S. Robin between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Firing area "A" will be affected.

Light gun firing practice between 6 p.m. and midnight. Firing areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

For tomorrow:—

Heavy gun practice between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Firing areas "A" and "B" will be affected.

Heavy gun anti-aircraft practice will be carried out in the north eastern area of the Island between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Firing area "B" will be affected.

Light gun firing practice will be carried out between 6 p.m. and midnight. Firing areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

Heavy gun anti-aircraft practice will be carried out in the north eastern area of the Island between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Wednesday. Firing area "B" will be affected.

For Thursday:—

Light gun firing practice between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. from two positions on the Island. Firing areas "A" and "B" and "C" and "D" will be affected.

Heavy gun anti-aircraft practice will be carried out in the north eastern area of the Island between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Firing area "B" will be affected.

Light gun firing practice will be carried out between 6 p.m. and midnight. Firing areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

For Friday:—

Light gun firing practice between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Firing areas "C" and "D" will be affected. Alternative date—Nov. 24.

Heavy gun anti-aircraft practice will be carried out in the north eastern area of the Island between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Firing area "B" will be affected.

Light gun firing practice between 6 p.m. and midnight. Firing areas "D" and "E" will be affected.

For Saturday:—

Heavy gun practice between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Firing areas "A" and "B" will be affected. Alternative date—Nov. 24.

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